Railways-bridge on rail line between Nirmali and Bhaptiyahi

†1450. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated expenditure on the railways-bridge under construction for the proposed rail-line between Nirmali and Bhaptiyahi of the Eastern-Central Railway and the provision of funds made in the current year's budget;

(b) the amount incurred on the construction of bridge and the details of the progress of work;

(c) whether the expenditure on inauguration programme of the bridge is also included in it, if so, the amount likely to be spent thereon; and

(d) the target laid down for the completion of this bridge and the proposed rail-line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The total anticipated cost of work of mega bridge over river Kosi alongwith link lines between Nirmali-Bhaptiyahi is Rs. 323.41 cr. An outlay of Rs. 10 cr. has been allocated for the work in Budget 2003-2004.

(b) and (c) This is a new work which has been included in the Budget 2003-2004 and expenditure incurred on the work during the year would be known only after finalisation of accounts after closure of financial year. Final location survey has been taken up. Tender awarded for earthwork in 6 km length from Nirmali side and work taken up. The expenditure incurred on inauguration programme of the Bridge also forms part of the work.

(d) The work is targeted for completion in about 6 years time.

Sharing of project cost by Maharashtra in MUTP

1451. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects in Mumbai Urban Transport Project Phase II (MUTP) to be taken up and the approximate expenditure thereof;

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